GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Cumbersome Procurement Process
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the CGHS beneficiaries suffer due to cumbersome procurement process involved in the procurement of ayurvedic, siddha, unani and other medicines in the CGHS, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the funds allocated and the expenditure incurred for ayurvedic, siddha, unani and homoeopathic medicines separately under CGHS during each of the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to expedite procurement and to minimise the sufferings of beneficiaries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a): No such case has been reported.
(b): Since funds are not allocated separately for Ayurveda, Unani, Sidha and Homeopathy in all cities except Delhi, information in this regard i.e. allocation is available only in respect of Delhi & NCR. The funds allocated and expenditure incurred for each system of medicine for Delhi and NCR is at Annexure-I and the expenditure incurred for each system of medicine for cities outside Delhi at Annexure-II.

(c): Following steps have been taken to ensure regular supply / availability of medicines :-

(i) Medicines manufactured by the Indian Medicine Pharmaceuticals Corporation Limited (A Government of India enterprise) are procured directly with the rates fixed by the Cost & Accounts Division of Ministry of Finance.
(ii) The medicines which are not manufactured by IMPCL are procured through open tender.
(iii) Ayurvedic and Unani Medicines, which are not available at the Wellness Centre in Delhi & NCR or medicines which are outside the formulary, are procured through Authorized Local Chemists.
(iv) In other cities, no Authorized Local Chemists are appointed and in case the medicines are not available at the Wellness Centre, Additional Director (AD) of the concerned city procures them locally.
(v) Beneficiaries are also permitted to purchase the non-available medicines from open market and claim reimbursement.
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